



County Training School Building — No. 17th and Michigan Avenue
1922 to present

A HISTORY OF THE MISHICOT SCHOOLS

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The first school for this locality was one shared with the Jambo Creek district in Gibson. It was located about 1½ miles northwest of Mishicot village and near the present site of the Jambo Creek school. Because of the distance to that school for the boys and girls in the Mishicot area, the voters decided to erect a school in Mishicot. Accordingly, a frame building was erected about 1845 to 1849 on a site just north of the gristmill near the cemetery. This was one of the first frame school buildings of the county and was of frame construction because Mishicot was a pioneer sawmill town. There are no written records of the size or cost of this building. Because many of the English settlers were without a church building, this school served as their meeting house on Sundays.

In 1873, this pioneer schoolhouse was abandoned and a new two-room frame building was built on the site of the present school. What was done with the old schoolhouse is not recorded.

In 1905, by a vote of 50 to 28, the old two-room frame schoolhouse was to be replaced by a two-room brick structure. Evidently there was enough sentiment in the district at that time for a four-room brick building, for at another meeting it was voted to change plans and build a four-room, two-story brick schoolhouse at a cost of \$6,000,

with the upper rooms not finished. The following year, though, these upper rooms were completed and ready to accommodate the ninth grade students. By 1915, the four rooms were used when the tenth grade was added.

The present Rockway School was at one time known as the Mishicot Graded School and was built in 1905. At that time instruction included grades one through nine and was divided in three departments, which were taught by Mr. Casper, upper department; Miss Schultz, teaching the intermediate grades and Miss Ruby teaching the primary grades.

The present Mishicot Jt. District No. 1 is operating three buildings, the converted Rockway Primary School which housed the High School in the past, the present Elementary School and the Mishicot Community High School. The present Elementary School and its site were obtained after the approval of a \$650,000 bond issue which was accepted by the electors in 1964. The building has 26 teaching stations, a multipurpose room, kitchen and lunch facilities and a modern art room. The building was occupied in September of 1965 and at present is overcrowded.

The present Mishicot Community High School was built in 1958 for a total cost of \$575,000 and has 24 teaching stations, a gym and multi-purpose

room.

The present enrollment of the Mishicot Community School system consists of 1058 children in K-8 and 447 in the four-year high school. There are 34 elementary classroom teachers, 6 special subject teachers, 8 school service aides, 6 lunchroom aides, 3 full time cooks, 2 part time cooks, 2 secretaries and 1 elementary coordinator in the elementary department.

The High School department has 22 teachers, a guidance counselor and a full time principal. The administration is handled by a superintendent and seven elected members on the Board of Education.

The building is maintained by a staff of 5 full time janitors and 4 part time janitresses. All students are transported by a fleet of 21 buses and 21 bus drivers.

VALDERS PUBLIC SCHOOL

The area of the village of Valders was originally a part of the Cato-Jt. 3 school district dating back to 1856. This district was jointed with part of Liberty Township in 1872. In 1920, the village of Valders was incorporated and became a part of the school district jointure.

Prior to 1906, two school buildings had been built with the first one being a log cabin. The second one was a wood frame building, 36 x 20, with soft wood floors, a large wood burning box stove, no water since the boys had to secure pails of water from the neighbors with drinking taking place from a community dipper. The benches and desks were homemade. This building was sold to Herman Kattreh in 1906 and moved to Valders where it is used as a dwelling today.

In 1906, the voters built a new two story frame building, 36 x 40, at a cost of \$2500. The upper room was left unfinished and one teacher hired. It was located at the top of the hill just north of Valders on highway 148. The upper room was finished in 1910 and two teachers hired.

1910 — First Principal was Viola Sullivan. Enrollment — 78.

1914 — Principal was Herbert Wernecke. A ninth grade was added and three teachers hired.

1916 — Principal was Adolph Stangel of Manitowoc. Manual